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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. 2001-1120-1

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To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: **Cees Jan Nico BUISMAN and Henk DIJKMAN**

This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ division ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. **09/831,950**, filed on **May 16, 2001**, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Title: **PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN SULPHIDE FROM ELEMENTAL SULPHUR AND USE THEREOF IN HEAVY METAL RECOVERY**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ **17** Pages of Specification containing 14 claims
- ☒ **2** Sheets of formal Drawings ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ Submission of English translation of prior provisional application under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)
- ☐ Newly executed Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ Copy of Oath or Declaration/Power of Attorney from a prior application (continuation/divisional)
 - ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
 - ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). A signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63 (d)(2) and 1.33(b))
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☒ An assignment to **PAQUES BIO SYSTEM B.V.** for parent application no. **09/831,950** was recorded on **November 16, 2001** at Reel **012310**, Frame **0320-0323**
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☐ Copy of IDS citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Priority of **Europe** application Nos. **98203853.1** and **98204462.0** filed in **Europe** on **November 16, 1998 and December 29, 1998**, respectively is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Office Action dated **January 9, 2003** indicated receipt of all priority documents.
- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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